TELEPHONE COMPANY IS

By BILL PRICE.

are others in Congress who are not highly regarded by this company.

Mr. Johnson's great patience in Thursday holding off a vote by the House on his bill for taking the business in the District out of the hands of the company and placing it in the hands of Postmaster General Burleson is the present source of the irritation against him. The highly paid lawyers and officials of the company want the question of ownership pressed to a vote in Congress, believ-ing that the Government ownership advocates will not be able to marshal a majority of that body.

Want Quick Relief. They are placed in a position that moys them every minute. The Otilities Commission, which heard their appeal for rearranging telehone charges in this city so that he company will not only be relieved of considerable pressure on their lines but permitted to obtain addi-tional receipts, expressed the opinion, in its decision, that the company was entitled to relief, but that the comsion was not prepared to give re-while Congress was dailying with question of ownership.

But for Postmaster General Burle n's interference at the last minute, the telephone company would today curtailing its service and collect ing more money for the diminished service than before. Then Mr. Johnson took up the cudgels, had two warm parliamentary fights in the House over his telephone bill, and finally had it referred to his own which has reported favorably upon it.

There is, therefore, hanging over the heads of the company's officials the constant threat of Government operation or ownership by Congress while their hands are temporarily tied against collecting more money for service. Truly it's a sad situation, nobody in the town staying awake nights worrying about it.

Ask Commission's Aid. Officials of the company have laid before the Utilities Commission their dew that they ought to be granted the relief sought without waiting for possibly long delayed action in Congress. They have been told that Mr. hnson, although a Kentuckian, la narkably placid at times, and that he never pushes one of his measures in the House until he has carefully studied the strategy of the opposing forces and has his reserves all lined up for battle. In this telephone fight may not open his batteries for some time. In fact the fight may not be opened for some weeks, and there may be no final decision for months.

Should the commission go ahead and grant rellef to the company, Congress might be offended and Government ownership might be given an impetus that would push it across the Con-gressional line. If the Utilities Com-mission goes forward and gives the relief it says is deserved, without regard to the legislative situation, what is likely to happen? If the commission 37% Ohio Gas... 38 38 38 Magma Copper gard to the legislative situation, what is likely to happen? If the commission holds off granting the relief while Congress does nothing where does the pany get off? It's some predica-t. The users of telephones seem to be the only ones who are soothed.

Will Put In Automatic System. The telephone company has announced that it intends to establish an automatic service in Washington that will cost \$2,000,000, and possibly nore. That service cannot be though, inside of a year. New buildings will have to be constructed to house the automatic equipment and many experienced workmen will be

required to put it in.

This is the system that the Post-master General promised to install if given charge of the company. Post-master Chance claims that the depart-ment could instal this complete system in four months' time at a cost of 118% Union Pacific 120 119 120 something like \$2,000,000

The telephone company, it was said today, will go forward with its automatic plans despite the aggravating situation in which it is placed. The system, whenever it is ready, will do away with girl operators altogether. The automatic exchange will be looked after by a few electrical and mechanical experts.

It will be siseless to try to say things to the automatic will not hear you. Neither will your conversation stick in listening ears. You simply switch a few numbers and on the dial attached to your buzzing sound and you can call later.

OLD MAN TRAITOR, WIFE SAYS. SMITH CENTER, Kan., March 30 .-Charging that he is "pro-German, a traitor to his country and so mean and stingy that he will not allow her to have any fire in the house during firm, unchanged. No. 2 soft red, the coldest weather except in the \$2.22; No. 2 red winter, \$2.24. Rekitchen," Mrs. Henrietta Pietcher, of this city, is suing her husband, John Platcher, for a division of their prop-

Pletcher is seventy-five years old, a civil war veteran and has lived here forty-five years.



WALL ST. MARKET

PRICES FIRM FOLLOWING NARROW TRADING.

Majority of Issues Show Slight Recessions, Steel Common Breaking % on Sales of Less Than 1,000 Shares-Inspiration Gains Slightly and Rails Hold Their Own.

NEW YORK, March 30 .- Business was extremely quiet and price move-ments narrow at the opening of the stock market today, with the majority of the issues showing slight recessions. Less than 1,000 shares of Steel common was traded in during the first fifteen minutes, that stock yield-ing % to 89%, while the other steel industrials also showed trifling

Congressman Ben Johnson of Ken-tucky, chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

mittee on the District of Columbia.

has added the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to the list prominent issues were unchanged of those who do not love him. There from Thursday's final prices. Crucible was % lower at 62%, and United Cigar Stores showed a gain of over one point to 85%.

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BALTIMORE GRAIN MARKET. BALTIMORE, March 30 .- Wheatcelpts, 16,340 bushels; shipments, 22,-

Corn-New, as to grade and color, Red Cross to raise \$100,000,000 is be-\$1.70 to \$1.85. Receipts, 59,208 bush-cls; shipments, 10,992 bushels. Ing to discuss plans for the drive to Onts-Firmer, No. 3 white, \$1.02 be made May 20 to May 27 was held Receipts, 78,225 bushels; at the New Willard last night by the hipments, 12,705 bushels

Rye-Firm; No. 2 Western export, local finance committee. England, spots. \$2.65 bid. Receipta, 17,615 Belgium, Canada, and the American bushels; shipments, 80,444 bushels.

Hay—Quiet, steady.

H. B. F. Macfarland, of the execu-



Ladies' Night &

Let the Wedding Bells Ring Out.

By Jean Knott 3 CAPITAL MEN



Closing prices furnished by W. B. Hibi & Co., members of New York Stock E.

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RED CROSS PLANNING

FOR BIG NEW DRIVE

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U. S. LOANS TO ALLIES TOTAL \$4,642,829,750

The United States has loaned a total of \$4,642,829,750 to foreign governments since we entered the war, up to and including March 26, Secretary McAdoo has informed the House Ways and Means Committee. Credits totaling \$4,960,600,000 have

loans follow: Credita

Italy 550,000,000 Russia ... 325,000,000

JUNIOR ORATORS TO **COMPETE ON APRIL 5**

public information, and there enrolled.

TEXAS RANCHER ATTACKS further continued. HOOVER'S MEAT POLICY

ALLIES TO FORCE FIGHT TO FINISH

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

UNDER GEN. FOCH

(Continued from First Page.) man front lines opposite the America sector to be lightly held or not held at all is certainly a premediated plan on the part of the German command to save men and to give as little offense as possible at this time, while the five-hour bombardment was precautionary against surprise and to break up possible mass formation of attack. That the ailles are concentrating

for a mass movement of the greatest importance is reflected by the call for troops from the United States. This call will be met as fast as ships are available. The President and his Cabinet yesterday went over this question thoroughly, but it is no secret that the War Department and the council of war have already ex-amined the question in the minutest detail for weeks past. The sole ques-tion involved in the forwarding of troops is the question of priority between shipments of men and materials. Wherever materials can be sacrificed men will be sent.

England In Best Position It is obvious that England is now in the best position to forward men to the front to meet any possible exist-Featured in "The Lone Wolf" at the ing emergency, while the United Casino Theater, starting tomorrow. States, because of the longer haul, self took credit for can forward men to England to take the ten days ago, the place of withdrawn British troops, or, if time permits, they can be dis-

The recent seisure a Dutch ships, adding 600,000 tons to the allies shipping facilities, will go far toward enabling the United States to divertebbs. chips for transport service immedi-ately if it is the decision of the war council in Paris that men are more important than anything else at this

Credits totaling \$4,940,000,000 have been established, leaving a balance of \$517,770,250 already authorized as loans, but not yet handed over to the foreign governments in cash. The loans follow: keep up this transport as long as may be necessary. The machinery of this government for preparing men for the front is now fairly perfected and can be put in motion on a moment's notice.

Status of Drive.

So far as the present German drive April 5 has been designated as the date is concerned, expert opinion in Wash-April 5 has been designated as the date for the competition in the public schools of the District for the certificate of Junior Four Minute Man on war savings stamps issued by the Government. This is the first of a series of such contests to be held in the schools throughout the country.

On that date public contests will be conducted in the schools. Each young orator will use a speech of his own, based upon data furnished by the Government. The names of the winners all over the country will be forwarded to the Division of Four-Minute Men of the committee on public information, and there enrolled.

did not know, when they began the drive ten days ago, just where they would be able to break through the British lines. During the past few days the attacks have been indicative of "feelers" to find weak spots of "feelers" to find weak spots through which the advance could be

The result has been small gains here and there but no concerted advance. The fact that the crown prince's army has gone farther than Food administrator Hoover's policies it is firmly believed, the main purlars alloted here. John W. Davis, and Henry White, former ambassador to France, reviewed the work of the Red Cross.

Major C. H. Lyell, member of Parliament, conveyed the message of King George in praise of the work of the American Red Cross.

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Food administrator Hoover's policies have been "harmful" to meat producers the given to meat producers the given of a re-establishment of that who are losing money to the gain of the given and interpose of a re-establishment of that being money to the gain of the good graces of the German people as an army commander. Until the present drive he true committee today.

Lasster assailed Food Administration Hoover's policies that the good graces of the German people as an army commander. Until the present drive he stood alone in the category of being the only defeated German general. For dynastic and other reasons this has been an intolerable position for the hereditary successor of the present distribution.

Lasster was formerly associated with Hoover.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

General Pershing has reported the ollowing casualties:

KILLED IN ACTION. Private Dell Aldermas DIED OF WOUNDS. Corp. Albert W. Williams. Private Thomas P. Minegue, WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Private William J. Harals WOUNDED SLIGHTLY, Major A. Rasmussen, Capt. Albert Florian. First Lieut. Charles C. Crouss. Lieut. Howard T. Havron, First Lieut. Clarence R. Huebner. First Lieut. John B. Nutt. First Lieut. William F. Rigney. Sergt. Maj Harrey M. Crowe. Sergt. Albert Sorenson.

Corp. Hoy Taylor. Private Logan Breusa. Private George E. Garrison. Private Francia Higby. Private William H. Kephart Private Wayne Perry.
Private William Potts.
Private Patrick J. Stanton.

Private Charles E. Walker. DIED OF ACCIDENT. Capt. Ira G. Penherthy. Private Ben Pryer.

DIED OF DISEASE, Second Lieut, Louis H. Lathrop. Sergt, John J. Connolly. Private Perry Dodd. Private Paul Richard Heeht. Private Raymond F. Solomos DIED OTHER CAUSES

Cook Henry Ehlert.

ready rapidly approaching that sacri-

indicated where their main blow will

rance ... 1,440,000,000 1,405,000,000 army who has been in training for six months is available for this test britain ... 2,520,000,000 2,480,000,000 of strength. To tell how many men the other hand there is sometimes extally ... 550,000,000 187,723,760 be, by a mere process of subtraction, would onward provided his losses are out Serbia ... 6,000,000 4,200,000 to tell the Germans how many men in addition to the above, a credit of 250,000,000 francs, or approximately it can be said, however, that this process cannot be suffered to continue much farther with country is now ready to pour men across the Atlantic as fast as ships ports between the battle line and the can be found to carry them and to channel. The channel. That the German advance has approximated its "farthest west and south" is the firm opinion of the experts.

DIVIDEND NOTICE

FINANCIAL

The Safest Investments Are those that do not fluctuate during dis-turbed conditions of the money or stock mar-kets. First deed of trust notes (first mort-gages), well secured on real estate in the District of Columbia, constitute "gilledage" investments, and they do not depend upon the financial responsibility of individuals or one perations for their stability. We can supply such investments in amounts from 850 up-ward. Rend for bookiet, "Concerning Loan-and Investments."

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WIN COMMISSIONS FROM PERSHING

Three Washington men are among twenty-three with the American expeditionary force to receive commis

other Commissions.

Other Commissions.

The commissions include one lieutenant colonel, three majors, elevant captains, two first lieutenants and six second lieutenants, the others being as follows: Alten S. Miller, Baltimore. as follows: Alten 8. Miller, Baltimore. Ileutenant colonel, ordnance department; Francis Fronczak, Buffalo, N. Y., major, medicai corps; William J. Cameron, Oak Park, Pa., major, quartermaster corps, national army; George A. Thorne, Darragh de Lancey. Waterbury, Conn., Harry E. Wells, Washington. Pa., John J. Kuehns, Hoboken, N. J., Page V. R. Spires, New York, Edward E. Johnson, New York, William J. Mathews, Pt. Leavenworth, Kansas, George M. Harding, Philadelphia, and Charles Edwin Sears, Portland, Oreg., captains; Hayford Pierce and William L. Quillian, first lieutenants, and William P. L. Sinciair, Seymour Biair, Percy Strong, Homer W. Ward, Hugh Gallaher and Thomas E. Shirley, second lieutenants.

The German government has refused to grant safe conducts to ships assigned to carry a large quantity of grain to Switzerland. This was learn- 12th St. N. W. ed today from a high source close to ed today from a high source close is the war trade and shipping boards. The grain and the necessary ships to transport it have been placed at the disposal of Switzerland through the United States making provision for 50,000 tons of shipping, but Switzer-land is unable to move the grain owing to Germany's attitude.

The present refusal of safe conducts, in view of the Sardinero incident, seems to indicate, according to the impression of Government officials here, that Germany intends to make hazardous in every possible way the movement of food supplies to Switzer-land;

3 JAIL BREAKERS

Three of the fifteen prisoners who escaped on March 17 from the District jail were arrested today.

William T. Watkins, colored, betself took credit for opening the battile ten days ago, the moment success became apparent the crown
prince was forced into the limelight.
The price now being paid to re-establish his reputation so badly blasted in the great Verdun failure is aiready rapidly approaching that sacri.

trict jail were arrested today.
William T. Watkins, colored, better known to the police as Bill Nuthesy, was captured at 232 L street
southwest by Bicycle Policeman
Jackson and is now back in jail.

John Thomas and George Henry
Terry, two more of the negro fugitives, were arrested at Mount Airy.

Harford County, Md. according to a ready rapidly approaching that sacritelegram received shortly before moon
by Inspector of Detectives Grant.
Headquarters Detectives Sweeney
and Beckley have gone to Mount Airy to bring back the negroes. It is un-derstood that they have admitted their identity and have expressed a willingness to return to Washington. With the arrest of Watkins, Thomas. fall. That it must fall before the German's can consolidate their new position along a selected line is obvious. The only really serious aspect of the situation today from an allied point of view are the gains the Germans have been able to make over mans have been able to make over intendent Zinkhan he left to get some intendent Zinkhan he left to get some of the police authorities are of the control of the police authorities are of the police authorit "fresh air," the police authorities are still on the hunt for the other eleven prisoners who escaped. There is a re-ward offered for the arrest of any of

BARBER GIVES SPEECH IN CONGRESS GALLERY

Emanuel Scondiffio, twenty-five years old, a barber, who claims 228 Mott street, New York city, as his home, today is at the Washington Asylum Hospital undergoing mental observation.

During the closing moments of the

session of Congress yesterday after-noon, Scandiffic arose from his seat in the gallery and began to talk. A dividend of Two Dollars per share will be in the gallery and a dividend of Two Dollars per share will be paid on Monday, April 15, 1815, to stockholders of record at the closs of business on Friday.

H. L. Duryea, 820 K street northwest, ousted the man from the gallery and in the scuffle that ensued he struck in the scuffle that ensued he scuffle that ensued he scuffle that ensued he scuffle that ensued he scuffl March 15, 1918.

On account of the annual meeting, the ransfer books will be closed from Saturday, in the scuffle that ensued he struck March 18th, to Tuesday, March Sth, 1818, both days inclusive. G. D. MILNE. Treasurer.

harm. Reaching the first floor, Scandiffic attempted to force an entrance to the floor of the House, but Policemer Jesse A. Reed and Thomas Gorman of the Capitol police force, seized by the collar and sent him to the Sixth precinct police station ASKS IDENTIFICATION TICKETS

Senator Jones, of Washington, intro-duced in the Senate a bill to require the street railway companies of the District to issue identification tickets to pas sengers when cars are delayed for five minutes or more. These tickets are to be good for another ride. A similar bill has gone into the House,

- LOST AND FOUND

KEYS-Bunch, on 18th et., Fin. ave., or on New Hampshire ave. Tel. Col. 734. 1 WATCH-Small gold wrist. No. 91888315, with Lucie Akers engraved on the back; was left for repairs on the Bet of January with a local jeweler. Call Line. 362. 1-31 PURSE-Black leather, on Tuesday about 5 o'clock, in the vicinity of 5th and E sta. N. W., containing bills and dentist receipt. Kindly return to 1712 12th st. N. W. Rawand.

LOST AND FOUND

BRACELET, green gold, flex B, COBLENTZ, 1432 You Pershing, the War Department announced today.

They are James H. Blount, 78 Fendall building, who has been made a major in the Officers' Reserve Corps; Frank W. Hoover, 4409 lows arenue northwest and Roger Horner Garrett, 3919 Fifth street northwest, who have gained captaincies; in what branch is not stated.

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